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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV KS US  
SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON PL 480

REF: STATE 159891

1. POLCOUNS MET MORNING OF JUNE 23 WITH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR YU CHUNG-HA TO DISCUSS HOUSE ACTION ON PL 480 FOR KOREA. POLCOUNS MADE POINTS PROVIDED PARA 2 REFTEL AND URGED THAT ROKG CONTINUE PRESENT POLICY OF CALM RESPONSE. HE NOTED THAT STATEMENT ISSUED BY ROK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON APPEARED TO SET THE RIGHT TONE AND DID NOT CLOSE THE DOOR TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

2. YU SAID THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION HAD COME QUICKER THAN EXPECTED BUT THAT EMBASSY HAD PREPARED STATEMENT REFERRED TO BY POLCOUNS FOR JUST THIS CONTINGENCY. HE EXPRESSED THE APPRECIATION OF THE ROKG FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ISSUED JUNE 22 ON THE PL 480 ACTION. (WHEN POLCOUNS INDICATED HE HAD NOT SEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, YU PROVIDED HIM A COPY.) YU SAID THAT THE ROKG DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A MAJOR INCIDENT OUT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND WOULD PRETTY MUCH STAND BY THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID IT WAS FORTUNATE THAT THERE WAS  
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BIG NEWS TODAY (PRESIDENT PAK'S STATEMENT ON NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS) WHICH WOULD OVERSHADOW THE PL 480 QUESTION IN THE KOREAN PRESS.

3. HE ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY INDICATIONS WHEN THE SENATE MIGHT TAKE UP THIS ISSUE AND WAS INFORMED THAT WE HAD NO DEFINITE WORD ON THIS. HE THEN ASKED IF

THERE WERE ANY INDICATIONS ON HOW THE SENATE VIEWED  
THIS ISSUE AND WAS TOLD THAT THERE WERE NO FIRM  
INDICATIONS HOWEVER THE POSSIBILITY ALWAYS EXISTED THAT  
THE SENATE COULD DIFFER FROM THE HOUSE, IN WHICH CASE  
THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO TO TO A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.  
IN SUCH AN EVENT, THE ENTIRE ISSUE WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN  
A MUCH CALMER ATMOSPHERE.

4. COMMENT. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO THE CONTRARY, WE  
INTEND, THROUGH A VARIETY OF CHANNELS, TO GO BACK AT THE  
ROK ON THIS ISSUEEARLY NEXT WEEK AFTER THE DUST HAS SETTLED.  
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